

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 8, 2024

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at Boonton High School, 306 Lathrop Ave, Boonton, NJ, at 7:30 pm on July 8, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the July 8, 2024, meeting of the Boonton Town Board of Education. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Daily Record, the Citizen and the Boonton Town Clerk; and posted at the Board of Education Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

Members present at roll call were Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent were Mrs. Dawn Caicedo, Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mr. Matthew Mondino.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 2 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Card from BHS student – Madeline Turula

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by: None
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by Robert Murray: Security in school

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

District News and Updates: Building projects; New Staff members up for approval; Admin team summer work sessions; Special recognition of staff members

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mrs. Darling, seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, and approved on roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Regular and Executive session: June 24, 2024

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-11 was moved by Mrs LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Victoria Branchini, Special Education Teacher, School Street School, effective June 30, 2024.
2. Appointment of School Nurse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Maria Beaton to the position of School Nurse, School Street School, at the Step 13 MA+15 salary effective September 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Appointment of Paraprofessionals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of the following Paraprofessionals at School Street School effective September 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year:

Joseph Rivera at the Step 1 salary, and Marie Moujahed at the Step 4 salary
4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Kayla Baker to the position of Elementary Teacher, John Hill School, at the Step 1 BA salary, effective September 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of certification.
5. Sick Day Payouts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payouts to the following retired staff members:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Rate of Payment</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Elise Petrella	146.5	\$60	\$8,790
Lorraine Giannotti	60	\$60	\$3,600

6. Bridges to Learning Summer Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Ruiz Haselbach, John Hill School student, as a summer volunteer for the 2024 Bridges to Learning Summer After Camp and Enrichment programs.

7. Bridges to Learning Adult Summer Camp Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elisabeth Cunningham as a substitute for the 2024 Bridges to Learning Summer After Camp at a rate of \$23 per hour.
8. Staff for Summer Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elizabeth McCollum for the Summer Academic Support Program for students in Grades K-8, from July 29, 2024 through August 9, 2024 at a stipend rate of \$1,600.00.
9. Additional Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 5759515210-B to receive the following additional related services at Lake Drive School for 2024 ESY Summer Program and for the 2024-2025 school year:

Occupational Therapy 1 time per week at a fee not to exceed \$3,000

10. Extraordinary Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a 1:1 paraprofessional for Student State ID# 6993762811-B, at Shepard School, for the 2024 Extended School Year Program at a rate of \$149.98 per day.
11. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placement for the 2024-2025 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Shepard School

Student State ID# 6093593356-B

Tuition - \$326.52 per day (183 days)

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mrs LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Tiffanie Henry, Social Studies Teacher, Boonton High School, effective June 30, 2024, and further accepts resignations as Teaching & Learning Academy Coordinator and Future Educators Association Club Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. District On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District's On-Roll Report for the month of June 2024.
4. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12	AbbVie (Medical Research for Worldwide Medical Trends)
Grades 11-12 (AVID)	East Stroudsburg University

5. Bus Aide Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ann Tvedt and Debbie Salemi as bus aide substitutes to ride the bus with SSS/JHS/BHS students before and after school for up to 1.75 hours per shift, depending on enrollment, at hourly contractual rate of pay, pending outcome of negotiations, effective September 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

6. Sick Day Payouts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payouts to the following retired staff members:

Staff Member	Number of Days	Rate of Payment	Payment
Lisa Braner	130	\$60	\$7,800
Robert Davis	108.5	\$60	\$6,510
Matthew Podwoski	79.5	\$60	\$4,770
Beatrice Beatty	3	\$20	\$ 60

7. Curriculum Writer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves John Sisto for up to 20 hours during July 2024 for Business Skills Curriculum Writing at Boonton High School at a rate of \$35 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

8. Aviation Academy Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves John Sisto as the Aviation Academy Coordinator at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$5,500 effective July 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ken Ren to provide home instruction during the 2024-2025 school year, based on individual’s certifications, at a rate of \$40 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6743726160-B, for up to 10 hours per week, from June 24, 2024 through July 29, 2024 to satisfy and fulfill the IEP and graduation requirements for academic instruction in the Least Restrictive Setting. Instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

11. Online Course: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following student to receive an online course provided by Educere, to satisfy and fulfill the IEP and graduation requirements for academic instruction in the Least Restrictive Setting:

Student State ID# 4943619344-B, beginning July 1, 2024
 Course# EADCFUSP3203, US History I – Basic \$399.00

12. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Sabrina Csatay to the position of Social

Studies Teacher, Boonton High School, at the Step 8 MA salary, effective September 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg ...

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O’Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 - \$255,928.84 6/27/2024 (Check Journal)
 - \$54,940.48 6/30/2024 (Check Journal)
 - \$17,404.11 6/30/2024 (ACH General)
 - \$120.00 6/30/2024 (ACH Cafeteria)
 - \$56,900.25 7/8/2024 (Check Journal FY25)
 - \$1,111.94 7/8/2024 (Check Journal Cafeteria FY25)
 - \$4,283.00 7/8/2024 (ACH General FY25)

2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 - \$1,169,874.88 6/15/2024
 - \$1,048,303.30 6/21/2024
 - \$19,690.59 6/30/2024

3. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts.

Name	Date (s)	Workshop / Conference	Total Cost
Emily Bohn	July 16-19, 2024	AP Summer Institute, Human Geography, (online)	\$625.00
Stephen Young	July 15-18, 2024	Computer Science A APSI (online)	\$675.00
Michelle McBride	August 5-8, 2024	Drew University AP Online Summer Institute 2024	\$775.00
Sophia Reed	August 5-9, 2024	Macroeconomics APSI Online Manhattan College	\$940.00
Jillian Glaser	July 15-18, 2024	La Salle University APSI Online 2024-English Literature & Comp	\$995.00
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$1403.78
Carol Haight	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2502.78
Rachel Olivo	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Tashi Oyola	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Sheila Barrientos	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78

Louis Castano	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Maribel Martinez	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Meghan Stratton	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Jason Klebez	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Michael Smulewicz	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Bevin Huguen	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Marybeth Comer	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Ken Ren	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Olivia DeTrollo	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Katelyn Barth	August 4-7, 2024	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2402.78
Colleen Yamakaitis	August 5-9, 2024	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training-Virtual	\$1,500.00

4. Contract: The Board approves awarding year-to-date contracts (purchase orders) totaling \$85,471.34 for the 2023-2024 school year to Amazon.com.
5. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide a nurse to ride a school vehicle to and from school with Out-of-District Student State ID# 3696942131-B, for the 2023 ESY program and 2023-2024 school year (per doctor's order), to be billed at a maximum hourly rate of \$65 per hour, not to exceed \$70,200.
6. Meal Account Balances: The Board approves to forgive student negative meal account balances totaling \$22,353.35 as of June 30, 2024.
7. Fleet Maintenance Agreement: The Board approves the fleet maintenance agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year for \$85.00/hr for labor, parts at 5% over cost, \$85.00/hr for NJ MVC inspections, and \$85.00/day for rental of a bus or van.
8. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year for \$80.00/hr per bus.
9. Award of Construction Project Bid: Whereas the following sealed bids were opened on June 25, 2024, for the Hallway Media Displays Renovation at Boonton Public School District, the Board approves to award the bid to Catcord Construction Company, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.

\$237,800	Catcord Construction Company
\$404,800	William Kohl Construction Company
Withdrawn	K&B Contractors

D. POLICY

Meeting on July 22, 2024

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #17, BHS #21-22.

YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no resolutions to approve.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting postponed
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting July 15, 2024
3. Community Relations: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Education Evaluating System
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Expecting smaller enrollment in the fall
6. MCSBA: None
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Important member Don Sinclair passed away

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: Poor job of PR, Consistent branding, Substitutes, BHS paint colors, AC in schools

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is August 12, 2024
2. Dinner meeting with Lincoln Park BOE on July 29, 2024

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:05 by Ms. Katsakos and seconded by Ms. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: